West Independence, Ohio.

Through force of circumstances, I have been, comparatively, a silent reader of our paper, but if possible, I shall be more noisy in the future. I have frequently been made to rejoice at the success of the good work reported in the EVANGELIST, and have had occasion to rejoice at the progress of the work in my own congregation, as you will remember I reported in my last.

Since my last letter, we have been doing all the good possible, and as little evil. We are, however, not perfect yet, but are going on unto perfection, little hoping to reach that coveted point, until it be in the presence of Him who is perfect.

We are having a very interesting prayer meeting on Thursday evening of each week, at which we strive to have the younger members, as well as the older ones, furthered in the divine life. There is nothing so essential to the progress of a church, as to get the youthful members interested in the work of saving souls. The church that takes them by the hand and leads them on, accounting them the equals of others, will succeed; for upon them the work depends in the future. On the other hand, the church that "despises them on account of their youth," is sure to fall sooner or later. There are now a goodly number of young people in my charge, and I pray God for grace, that I may lead them aright.

Until this time we have been worshiping in the Evangelical house at this place. That people has been very kind to the Brethren, and we feel truly grateful to them for their kindness. They were at one time, quite strong at this place, but from some cause, the society has been dwindling away, until there are but few left in the vicinity, and they have had no services since early last autumn. Their last quarterly meeting appointed a committee to either sell or rent their church property to us, and we chose the former. So now *we* have a house of worship at West Independence. Come and see where we live; we shall try to make you feel at home.

At a meeting on Wednesday last, the church decided, unanimously, to retain your humble servant as their pastor, and elder, for another year, at least. So those wishing to see me will find me here until July, 1889, at least. This is my first charge, and while I know I am weak, and young in the work, I feel glad to know that my feeble efforts have been appreciated. I don't know how my brother ministers feel in regard to this, but I know that I can do much better work, when I know that it is being appreciated. The brethren have stood by me nobly, and I know God will reward them for doing so.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

April 13th, 1888.

Sidney, Ind.

We are kept busy at our work. The church at Sidney is not asleep and the members are up and doing and we expect to spend another happy year together, if God permits.

We enjoyed ourselves with the visit Bro. J. A. Miller made among us, and with two sermons he gave us while here, I am glad to say at the last sermon one soul stepped into our ranks. Thanks to Bro. John, and would say, come again.

Last Sabbath we occupied Bro. W. W. Summer's pulpit, at Manchester, as he was called away. There we met Bro. W. C. Perry, who preached for us in the evening. Bro. Perry gave us a good sermon.

Here is where the annual meeting will be held this year.

Bro. J. M. Rittgers has moved among us and we welcome him and his family. Bro. Jake will help us much, which he is able to do. We wish to all work together for the upbuilding of God's kingdom and may God help us.

J. H. PALMER.

From Carleton, Nebraska.

Thinking it might be of interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST, I will submit to you a brief history of the church at this place as it appears in the preface to our Church Record; also parts of the minutes of the first regular member's meeting of this congregation.

The first members of the Brethren church of this vicinity so far as known, moved from eastern Kansas and Nebraska and Pennsylvania in the year 1883. Among the first families were those of Albert Saylor, H. M. Lichty, J. R. Lichty, A. P. Miller and W. L. Lichty, the first named family having removed before any organization was effected. This small band of believers in the "Bible-alone" doctrine, lived on hopefully for better times. They were fortunate in their early sojourn in having at several times, sermons preached to them by Rev's. H. R. Holsinger, W. J. H. Bauman, S. H. Bashor and A. D. Gnagey. During the early summer of 1886, Rev. Gnagey preached a short series of sermons at which time the members were very much strengthened and made an effort at partial organization. At time of this organization, there were seventeen members of the Brethren church, residing in and about Carleton. Among them was J. R. Lichty, formerly assistant minister in the Meyersdale, Pa., church, and A. P. Miller, formerly deacon in the Berlin, Pa., church. Lacking sufficient support for a pastor, the organization was virtually dropped.

In April, 1887, the services of Eld. S. H. Bashor were secured for a two weeks' revival. This resulted in the addition to the church of five new members by baptism. The baptismal services being conducted by Eld. E. L. Yoder, who was called to finish the work of Eld. Bashor. Now this church, disorganized as it was, began in earnest their efforts to secure a regular pastor. The result was an agreement with Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt, from Fayette County, Pa., to come and labor with this people during the year 1888. Rev. DeBolt arrived at Carleton on Jan. 16, and immediately proceeded to conduct a revival meeting. He showed himself well able to take charge of the work to which he was called, and after a few weeks of earnest labor, the most complete success in revival was felt here that it has been the pleasure of the town ever to witness. After four weeks of continued labor the meetings were closed with over half a hundred conversions.

On March 14, 1888, was called by the pastor of this people, a meeting of the members for the purpose of permanent organization. After devotional exercises the names of old and new members were read with a view of securing a complete list of all members. Said list can be found on page —— of this record. (With this list of members also are tabulated the following items: Residences, former residences, date of admission into church, date of death, or place to which removed, remarks.)

2nd. Some being present ready for baptism, qualification services were held.

3rd. A committee of five were appointed to nominate such officers as it was thought necessary to carry on the church work. This committee was as follows: Rev. Geo. W. DeBolt, Richard Beachy, B. F. Stump, Ross Speicher and A. P. Miller.

The following persons were nominated for the respective offices, indicated by the committee after which ample opportunity for other nominations was given:

One Deacon: Ross Speicher, Samuel A. Miller; One Clerk: Nellie Raymond, one treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Wiley; Four Ushers: J. R. Lichty, Andrew Swanson, E. L. Lichty, H. J. Miller; Four for Holding Collections: W. S. Lichty, Jas. Baker, H. M. Lichty, W. T. Shawhan; One Solicitor for Ministerial and other funds, J. R. Lichty,—Assistant in same office, A. Swanson.

Of the two brethren named for deacon, a vote by ballot resulted in the election of Ross Speicher. There being no other nominations the other officers were unanimously elected by acclamation.

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WHITE.—Brother Leonard White was born in Armstrong County, Pa., on the 9th of March, A. D., 1806, and departed this life on the 18th day of February, '88, aged 81 years, 11 months and 9 days. He was a faithful member of the Brethren church between 40 and 50 years. For several years before the Brethren church re-affirmed her original creed, the *Gospel of Christ*, he could not enjoy communion seasons on account of A. M. innovations and traditions, but after the church of the Cowenshannoc district declared herself free from human traditions, innovations and mandates, and said she would be governed by the Gospel alone as in her first organization in Europe and America. From that time our old veteran of the cross enjoyed the services of the Lord's house. Though old, yet he contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints until he peacefully and calmly fell asleep in Jesus, and is now awaiting the resurrection of the just. When Gabriel's trumpet shall sound to awaken those who sleep in Jesus, we believe that our dear brother will be among that elect number who will obtain a crown of life and enter in through the gates into the city. May his children, friends, neighbors, yea, may we all prepare to meet him in Heaven where death cannot enter.

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